

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT FORT WORTH

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas is seeking applicants to fill the position of full-time magistrate judge at Fort Worth. The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging. They include: 1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; 2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; 3) conduct of pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation of a district judge; and 4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate judge is specified in Title 28 U.S.C. §636. To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- (1) Be or have been for at least five (5) years a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, or Virgin Islands of the United States and have engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five (5) years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than 70 years old;
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys, and other members of the community, will review all applications and recommend to the Judges of the District Court, in confidence, the five (5) persons whom it considers best qualified. The Court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The appointment is for an eight-year term at an annual salary of \$160,080.

An application form and more information on the magistrate judge position in this court may be obtained from the clerk of the district court. The form is also available on the court's Internet website at www.txnd.uscourts.gov. Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received by September 10, 2009.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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Notice Date: July 10, 2009

Term to Begin: May 3, 2010